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APPLICANTS: Greenwood, et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 09/559,707

EXAMINER: David Guzo

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ART UNIT: 1636

FOR: RETINAL CELL LINES WITH EXTENDED LIFE-SPAN AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

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Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The additional elements required for the RCE are listed below:

1. Amendment and Response (4 pgs);
2. Petition For Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check No.18878 in the amount of \$1,005.00 for Extension fee;
4. Check No.18879 in the amount of \$385.00 for RCE filing; and
5. Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant herein requests continued examination of Application No. 09/559,707. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request (this document); 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is a Response to the June 6, 2003 final Office Action. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicant believes that the amendment should be entered and the finality of the Action should be withdrawn. Such a submission is a proper submission in accordance with 37 CFR §1.114 (c).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19141-002 CIP (NT-2 CIP).

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Notice of Appeal filed on December 8, 2003, which was filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on June 6, 2003. With a five month extension of time, the due date for response is July 8, 2004. Thus, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a Five Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21508-053.

Applicants submit this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c).

Please consider the following amendments and remarks prior to any further examination pursuant to the RCE.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.